



To: House Tax Policy Committee  
From: Alexa Kramer- Director of Government Affairs, Grand Rapids Chamber  
Subject: Support for HB 6284-6286, HB 6196-6198  
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The Grand Rapids Chamber promotes a simple, fair and efficient business tax system to encourage private sector job growth, making Michigan the premier place for business development and thriving communities.

House Bills 6284-6286, HB 6196-6198 to modernize Michigan's tax code to recognize advances in retail supply chain technology as industrial processes and establishes further parity between commercial and manufacturing businesses.

Fully automated consumer goods handling systems and micro-fulfillment centers (MFCs) are both recent technological developments designed to fulfill customer demand. This legislation would exempt both technological developments from Michigan's personal property, sales and use taxes. Both fully automated consumer goods handling systems and MFCs have advanced beyond their original function to store and move products and now perform industrial and manufacturing processes. It is only fair to modernize our personal property tax exemptions to reflect these advances. Making these changes will allow Michigan businesses to grow, thrive, and create jobs.

Over the last several months especially, we have seen just how important advances like the fully automated consumer goods handling systems and MFCs are to the fabric of our economy; these technologies have allowed our citizens to get the products they need quickly and efficiently. In our effort to promote a simple, fair and efficient business tax system that doesn't restrict innovation and investment, **we urge your support of HB 6284-6286, HB 6196-6198.**